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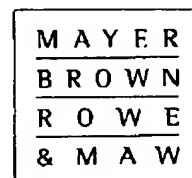
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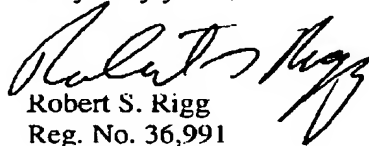
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2. Form PTO/SB/08A Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant with copies of references listed therein, an abstract and a foreign search report; and
3. Postcard acknowledging receipt of same.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Copies of the listed documents are attached along with an English language abstract for the non-English document is enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report.

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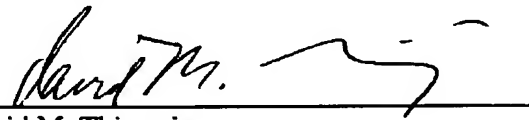
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